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FOR THE INFORMATION OF LEGAT CANBERRA, CAPTIONED MATTER

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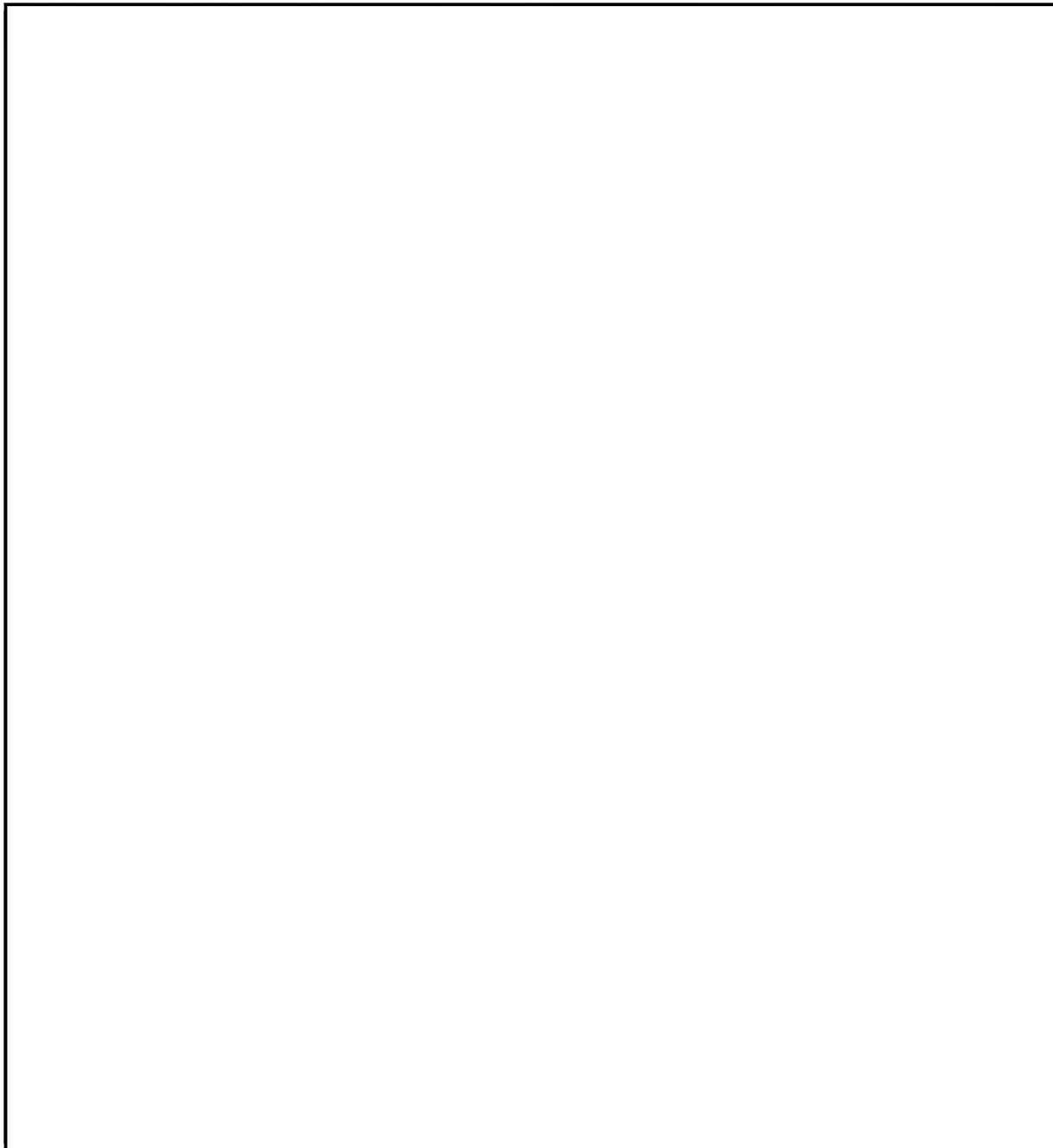
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IS AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE BRUTAL MURDER OF AKIO KASHIWAGI
IN YAMANASHI PREFECTURE, JAPAN. AT THE TIME OF HIS MURDER, HE
OWED THE TRUMP PLAZA CASINO HOTEL (TPCH), ATLANTIC CITY, NJ,
\$10 MILLION AND THE LAS VEGAS HILTON CASINO HOTEL, \$5 MILLION.
LEGAT TOKYO IS DESIROUS OF DETERMINING WHAT EFFORTS HAVE BEEN
MADE TO COLLECT THESE DEBTS.

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[REDACTED]
ON 2/12/92, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TPCH, ADVISED THAT ALL COLLECTION EFFORTS REGARDING
KASHIWAGI'S DEBT TO THE TPCH WERE HANDLED EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH
THEIR LEGAL DEPARTMENT. THE FOLLOWING EFFORTS WERE MADE TO
COLLECT THE \$10 MILLION OWED BY KASHIWAGI:

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THE \$6 MILLION CERTIFIED CHECK WHICH KASHIWAGI PLACED IN THE CAGE WAS DRAWN ON THE CITIBANK OF SINGAPORE. THE CORRESPONDING MARKER SIGNED BY KASHIWAGI FOR THIS AMOUNT WAS DRAWN ON THE SUMITOMO BANK, LIMITED, TOKYO, JAPAN. SHE STATED THAT IMMEDIATE EFFORTS WERE MADE BY THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT TO COLLECT THIS MARKER BY PRESENTING IT FOR PAYMENT, BUT KASHIWAGI HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN STOPPING PAYMENT ON THE CERTIFIED CHECK WHICH BACKED THE MARKER. KASHIWAGI WAS ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS EVEN THOUGH THE CHECK HAD BEEN CERTIFIED.

IN APPROXIMATELY JUNE, 1990, TPCH ENGAGED A NEW JERSEY LAW FIRM WHICH WAS SUCCESSFUL IN FILING A LAW SUIT AGAINST KASHIWAGI AND SECURING A DEFAULT JUDGEMENT AGAINST HIM IN NEW JERSEY. NEXT, TPCH ENGAGED A LAW FIRM IN NEW YORK IN AN EFFORT TO HAVE THE DEFAULT JUDGEMENT DOMESTICATED IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK. THIS EFFORT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY TERMINATED AS BEING COST PROHIBITIVE. A THIRD LAW FIRM IN LAS VEGAS WAS ENGAGED AND THIS FIRM WAS SUCCESSFUL IN HAVING THE DEFAULT JUDGEMENT DOMESTICATED IN NEVADA. KASHIWAGI WAS PERSONALLY SERVED THIS DEFAULT JUDGEMENT IN LAS VEGAS BY A MEMBER OF THE NEW JERSEY LAW FIRM.

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IN AUGUST, 1990, THE NEW JERSEY LAW FIRM CONTACTED A FIRM IN JAPAN IN AN ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE WHAT WOULD BE NEEDED TO PURSUE THE DEBT IN JAPAN. THIS FIRM HAD ATTEMPTED TO IDENTIFY KASHIWAGI'S ASSETS IN JAPAN, BUT DID LITTLE ELSE. APPARENTLY, THERE WAS AN UNRESOLVED QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THE JAPANESE COURTS WOULD RECOGNIZE THE DEBT AS LEGALLY BINDING ON KASHIWAGI IN JAPAN. THE QUESTION CENTERED AROUND WHETHER KASHIWAGI WOULD HAVE TO BE SERVED THE JUDGEMENT THROUGH INTERNATIONAL LAW, OR WHETHER THE SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES WAS SUFFICIENT.

ADVISED THAT THE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH ALL THESE LAW FIRMS CALLED FOR THE TPCH TO PAY THEM FOR WORK PERFORMED ON AN HOURLY BASIS. SHE STATED THERE WAS NO PERCENTAGE OR CONTINGENCY ARRANGEMENT, ALTHOUGH IF IT APPEARED LIKELY THE DEBT WOULD BE COLLECTED, TPCH WOULD PROBABLY NEGOTIATE AN ADDITIONAL FEE WITH THEM. SHE ADVISED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL COLLECTION EFFORTS UTILIZED BY THESE FIRMS WOULD BE AVAILABLE THROUGH EACH INDIVIDUAL FIRM. THE NAMES, ADDRESSES

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TEXT CONTINUES:

AND OTHER PERTINENT DATA RELATED TO THESE LAW FIRMS, AS WELL

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AS KASHIWAGI'S CREDIT APPLICATION, WILL BE PROVIDED BY [REDACTED] IN
THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE AND WILL BE FURNISHED TO LEGAT TOKYO BY
NEWARK.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT AT THE TIME KASHIWAGI LEFT TPCH, HE
TOOK WITH HIM \$2.8 MILLION IN TPCH CHIPS WHICH HAVE NEVER BEEN
RECOVERED. THIS INFORMATION MAY BE OF VALUE IF A SUSPECT IS
DEVELOPED. //

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ADDITIONAL LEADS ARE LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF LEGAT
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INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT ATLANTIC CITY.

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